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Camden Hansen, 3, tries to take a bite of an ice cream statue her size at the Taste of Reston.

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Michael Amouri and Baba Freeman Honored As Hunter Mill’s Lord and Lady Fairfax

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins has honored the 2014 Lord and Lady Fairfax honorees for the Hunter Mill District: Lady Fairfax representing the Hunter Mill District is Baba Freeman of Reston, and the Lord Fairfax selection is Michael Amouri of Vienna.

Baba Freeman has an unbroken 28 year record of service to Fairfax County under three different Hunter Mill area Supervisors on the Advisory Social Services Board, and subsequently, on the Human Services Council.

Michael Amouri, proprietor of Caffe Amouri in Vienna, was recognized for his support of community organizations, service projects, and his founding of hometown programs including Vienna’s First Night New Year’s Eve Celebration and Vienna Idol competition.

In conjunction with the annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, each of the County supervisors select one Lord and one Lady Fairfax from their district. The Lords and Ladies were presented to the Board of Supervisors at their June 3 meeting, kicking off the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival that ran Friday, June 6 to Sunday June 8 at the Fairfax Government Center.

Search Managers with the Montgomery County Police Department are requesting the public’s assistance in identifying the owner of a kayak found on the Potomac River south of Great Falls on Friday, June 13.

A massive multi-jurisdictional search for a kayaker believed to be in distress began at approximately 1:45 p.m. on Friday, June 13, when witnesses in the area of the Observation Deck at Great Falls near the Virginia shore reported seeing a white male in a red kayak with a white paddle. Some time later, a kayaker down river located a red kayak and white paddle, the kayak floating upside down near the Anglers Inn boat ramp in Potomac.

Rescue crews including boats, helicopters and a ground effort searched Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning for the presumed missing kayaker. Police released a photo of the kayak and other equipment found in the river.

On Sunday, the kayaker was identified through others who recognized the equipment. After speaking to him, police determined that the kayaker had experienced trouble in the water Friday afternoon and was able to swim to shore, leaving the boat in the water.

“He did not realize that his boat had been recovered and that he was the subject of a search,” police said.

The search is called off on Sunday when the kayaker was located safe at home.

Police released this photo of the kayak recovered floating upside down near Old Anglers Inn along with Montgomery County Swift Water Rescue as search re-groups. The search, launched by the discovery of an empty, upside-down kayak, ended when the kayaker, an unidentified Reston man, was discovered safe at home.
Silver Line Opening Soon

WMATA not ready to make official announcement yet.

By Reena Singh
The Connection

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority isn’t ready to say when the first phase of the Silver Line will open. Officially, WMATA has 90 days from when the stations were transferred to its control on May 27, meaning it must be open by Aug. 25 at the latest. But service can start sooner. “Since then, we’ve been working diligently towards the opening, but there is no date for the opening yet,” said Metro spokesperson Caroline Laurin. “We still have a couple of weeks to go before anything is officially announced.”

Phase I will mark the opening of the McLean, Tysons Corner, Greensboro, Spring Hill and Wiehle-Reston East stations. Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine Hudgins, who is also a WMATA Principal Director, said her office is preparing information for commuters and other stakeholders in Reston. She also noted that Fairfax Connector has added new Silver Line-related routes and hired more than 20 drivers. “Is any community ever ready for a once in a generation change?” she said in an email. “Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning has just completed a four year master plan process for the transit areas. Fairfax County Department of Transportation has completed 11 of 29 Metrorail station area transportation improvements - bus stops, sidewalks and trails, intersection improvements - with several more completions coming up shortly.”

Other local officials are keeping an eye out for the opening date. “We are still waiting for confirmation whether the Inaugural Run will launch at Wiehle Avenue station, with the ribbon-cut there and then a ride through Tysons,” said Tysons Partnership Executive Director Dana J. Boente, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; and Valerie Parlane, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI’s Washington Field Office, made the announcement after sentencing by U.S. District Judge Liam O’Grady.

Hosseini pleaded guilty on March 6, 2014. According to court documents, from at least as early as January 2008 to July 2013, Hosseini operated a business known as Sabern Instruments from his residence in Reston. Through this business, Hosseini procured over $250,000 worth of goods from over 60 American manufacturers, which he then re-packaged and shipped to entities in Iran. Hosseini sent to Iran were found to be capable of adding value to a nuclear weapons program and to other nuclear related applications and research areas.

In related money laundering scheme, Hosseini had over $700,000 wired into his company business account from entities in Iran and the UAE, much of which was derived from his illegal export business.

This case was investigated by the FBI’s Washington Field Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Neil Hammerstrom prosecuted the case.
Eat. Drink. Pay?

By Victoria Ross
THE CONNECTION

I t has been 22 years since Fairfax County asked voters to approve a tax on restaurant meals, an issue that ignited protests, caused deep divisions among community leaders and threatened to melt down several political careers. The reverberations of that epic failure — what many consider the third rail of county politics — continue to echo in the ears of county politicians.

But after another punishing year of budget battles, and continuing shortfalls in revenue resulting from the recession, county leaders are once again eyeing the meals tax as a way to raise revenue for schools and other county services.

On April 22, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) convened a task force to consider the pros and cons of putting another meals tax referendum on the ballot — possibly as early as this November.

Bulova said a four-cent tax on meals and beverages at the county’s nearly 3,000 restaurants would generate approximately $90 million in new revenue for schools, public safety, parks, libraries and human services.

She cited the fact that all of the cities and towns “around and within Fairfax County” have adopted a meals tax, and that there has been “a growing sentiment during recent years for our board to once again allow the voters to decide whether or not they wish to avail themselves of this additional source of revenue.”

In Northern Virginia, similar meals taxes have been implemented in Alexandria, Arlington County, the City of Fairfax and other smaller municipalities.

However, Loudoun and Prince William county officials recently rejected the idea of a meals tax after restaurant groups successfully argued the tax would unfairly target an industry that is facing pressure to increase the minimum wage while still struggling to recover from the 2008 recession.

While much has changed in Fairfax County since 1992, the mere mention of a meals tax still stirs up vehement reactions.

“This is a charged issue,” said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) “The task force was set up deliberately to have a third-party group come to us with recommendations. We will have the benefit of public input from a fairly politically-balanced group. I think it’s brilliant that Sharon got both sides that would not necessarily talk to each other together in the same room ... That’s the Fairfax County way.”

“Keep an open mind. And, listen to each other,” Bulova urged the 40 members of the super committee during the first meeting on May 15.

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Marcia Twomey, of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, expresses frustration during the sometimes tense meetings of the meals task referendum task force.

FAIRFAX COUNTY TASK FORCE DEBATES VOTERS’ APPETITE FOR ANOTHER MEALS TAX REFERENDUM REFERENDUM

Fairfax County task force debates voters’ appetite for another meals tax referendum.

Kate Hanley, former Democratic chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors co-chairs the Meals Tax Referendum Task Force with Tom Davis, a former Republican congressman who also chaired the Board of Supervisors during the 1992 meals tax battle, the task force was charged with answering three questions before delivering its final recommendation to the board on June 17:

❖ Whether or not to recommend the board put a meals tax referendum on the ballot
❖ If recommending going to referendum, when should that referendum take place; and
❖ If recommending going to referendum, should any revenues from a meals tax be dedicated to specific issues?

But the first meeting had barely begun before members began taking side-swipes at each other, arguing over marginal details and data, and delivering doomsday proclama-tions if their side did not prevail.

The Fairfax County Federation of Teachers launched a series of newspaper ads asking readers to “Save Our Starving Schools,” by supporting the meals tax. Steven Greenburg, president of the teachers union and a member of the task force, argued that the county’s school system — which recently approved a $2.5 billion budget for FY 2015 — will be forced to lay off workers if the county does not transfer more money to the schools.

After the second meeting, Jim Corcoran, president of The Fairfax Chamber, issued a statement declaring the chamber’s opposition to the tax.

“The we have been down this road before in Fairfax, and in almost every case, voters continue to oppose such measures,” Corcoran said. “This is not a time for rehashing failed policies of the past. County leaders, the business community, and citizens all need to work together to grow and diversify the economy in Fairfax County, not tax our way to a solution.”

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Meals Tax Debated

Hanley and Davis moderated the next meeting on May 29 with humor, easing some of the tension in the room.

“Kate and I come at this issue from different angles,” Davis joked during the meeting.

“Is that why I voted for it the first time,” Hanley said, pausing. “And you did too?”

“Hey, it passed in my precinct,” Davis shot back.

Rex Simmons, who represents the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, drew applause when he thanked Hanley and Davis for “doing an excellent job summarizing the views of the task force …” in the draft report.

But the warm feelings dissipated when a heated discussion began over the image of the restaurant industry, and the perception that restaurants don’t support schools because the industry does not support a meals tax.

“It’s an overall fairness issue,” said Jim Wordsworth, owner of one of the county’s first steakhouses — JR Stockyards Inn steakhouse in Tysons Corner. He argued that meals tax would drive customers away and could keep large restaurants from relocating to Tysons.

“When you have a meals tax, you know what else happens? New restaurants are less likely to come to Fairfax County,” said Mark Tate, public affairs director for Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington.

“I don’t want to present the image that only restaurants are opposing this tax,” Tate continued. “But if you look beyond this framework, local restaurants are incredibly generous to PTO groups and other county non-profits; they sponsor non-profit events and benefits; they care deeply about the community they live and work in.”

Davis agreed that the restaurant industry is not the “bad guy” for opposing the meals tax. “I can’t go to a school fair, a 5K race, or any other school event where local restaurants don’t contribute in some way …”

“Can we say ‘restaurants are good corporate citizens’?” Tate asked, requesting a change in the task force document.

Greenburg and others who support the meals tax quickly took issue with Tate’s statement.

“I don’t feel like restaurants have supported us …,” Greenburg said. “And we’re not here to write a polemic for the restaurant industry…”

“How about we try it this way,” Hanley said, offering to rewrite a statement in the draft report: “Resistance to a referendum may create a false assumption that food services don’t support government services.” What do you think?”

After the group signaled approval, Hanley encouraged them to “hang on.

“We’re doing well folks, only 3 more pages to go ….”

For more information on the meals tax referendum task force, go to http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax/

Supervisors’ Comments on a Meals Tax Referendum

“There are many contradictions with the meals tax. We all complain about the county’s over reliance on the property tax and talk about the need to diversify revenue sources, but don’t do a meals tax! It’s also a contradiction for Republicans to adopt party platforms, as we have at all levels, that call for greater use of initiative and referendum and trusting the people and yet we oppose putting the meals tax question before the voters.

I have consistently supported putting the issue to the voters, and I will do so this time. I have not taken any position on the tax itself and don’t expect to. People are smart enough to make up their own minds without me sticking my nose in!”

— Supervisor Michael Frey (R-Sully)

“We have no revenue options other than the property tax and with assessments on homes rising there is no room, in my view, to increase the rate to get more revenue. The meals tax is the only other revenue option we have which is why we are looking at it. But we have not made any decisions.”

— Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock)

“I have and will continue to be adamantly opposed to a meals tax and any referendum on this issue as it is directed at a single industry. I believe this is the wrong time to add another tax on our county residents and while some of it will be paid by visitors the bulk will be paid by our county residents.”

— Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield)
More Affordable Housing Needed

Anticipated job growth to exacerbate problem.

In Northern Virginia, affordable housing means more than human services or helping those who are less fortunate. It means more than housing the chronically homeless, although that is not optional.

In Northern Virginia, having enough affordable housing is critical to economic health, based on housing the workers needed at a variety of income levels. It is also critical to traffic management. If workers on the lower end of the income scale can’t afford to work near their jobs, those workers will have to drive longer distances, creating gridlock and air pollution.

Consider that in the Washington Metropitan Region, the established median rent for a two-bedroom apartment, according to HUD, is $1,589 monthly. To afford that rent, paying no more than 30 percent of gross income, requires an income of about $60,000 annually. And it is obvious that rents in Northern Virginia are more expensive that the region.

Consider for example, that right now in Alexandria, there are more than 8,300 workers in the accommodations and food service industry who earn on average $470 weekly, or $25,300 annually.

In Fairfax County, in food service and accommodations, there are more than 48,400 workers with an average wage of $246 weekly or an annual income of just over $22,000. These are people working full time in jobs that are important to our economy who cannot afford market rate rents, and rents are climbing.

The George Mason University School of Public Policy Center for Regional Analysis forecasts that, based on predicted job growth, over the next 20 years this region will need an additional 344,624 single-family units and 203,674 multi-family units.

From the report: “The region’s new housing must be priced so that it is affordable to these new workers. Based on the housing need forecasts, 44.1 percent of rental units will need to have rents of less than $1,250 a month, while only 2.4 percent of the rental demand will be for units priced at $2,250 a month or more. About 16.4 percent of the owner-occupied units forecasted need to be valued at less than $200,000 and only 13.5 percent at over $600,000.”

For example, the report predicts adding more than 71,000 health services workers with a median income of $39,500; more than 45,000 hospitality workers with a median income of $18,300; and 17,700 retail workers with a median income of $22,500.

The units to house the current and future workforce will not materialize on their own. It will require a variety of incentives and interventions to make sure those units are part of new development.

As the Silver Line opens, it’s important to remember that the coming years will bring the last great building in building in Fairfax County. No matter what the immediate impediments, the local economy cannot thrive unless developing affordable housing is built into all of those development plans, current and future.

Call for Pet Connection

The Pet Connection, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish on July 23, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by July 16.

Our favorite pictures include both pets and humans. Please tell us a little bit about your pet, everyone in the photo, and a brief description what is happening in the photo, and include address and phone number (we will not publish your address or phone number, just your town name). We welcome short stories about what your pet does, a noteworthy talent or anecdote about your pet, and stories about your pets with you and your family should be submitted by July 16.

—Mary Kim

A Bloodless Revolution

By Kenneth R. “Ken” Plum
State Delegate (D-35)

About this time of year in 1966 I wrote a letter to my hometown newspaper, The Alexandria News and Courier, suggesting that Virginia had just undergone one of the “bloodless revolutions” that Thomas Jefferson had suggested would be good for society periodically. In the Democratic primary in a very different 8th Congressional District than we know today, liberal state Senator William B. Spong, Jr. defeated Virginia’s liberal state Senator Bill Scott as conservative Southern Democrats had voted for the Republican, and many never returned to the Democratic Party. Spong was elected to the U.S. Senate where he served for one term before being defeated by the same Bill Scott who had defeated Rawlings six years before. Scott’s service in the House and in the Senate earned him the title given by one publication as being “the dumbest man” in Congress.

The primary defeats of two Southern Democrats in 1966 marked a sharp decline of influence of the Byrd Machine in Virginia politics and a realignment of the conservatives who had called themselves Democrats since Reconstruction. Some became Independents, but others switched to the Republican Party where they felt more at home with their conservatism. When Harry Byrd, Jr. ran for the U.S. Senate to replace his father, he won as an Independent.

No Democratic candidate for President was able to carry Virginia until ironically Barack Obama carried the state in 2008.

While Democrats and moderate Republicans are celebrating the defeat of House Majority Leader Eric Cantor in another historic primary, it is important to consider the outcome of the election for the future of the Commonwealth. The candidate who defeated Cantor did so by being more conservative than Cantor, and from the comments I have been reading he is a far-out Tea Party candidate. Just last year two Tea Party candidates defeated two Republican committee members in primaries and won or went on to win the general election. An already conservative General Assembly is likely to be pushed further to the right by Republicans who fear a primary challenge. A bloodless revolution is occurring in the Commonwealth; Virginians will not be better for it.

Virginia Way Behind

To the Editor: Congressman Gerry Connolly is to be commended for his Opinion piece (“Clearing the Air on New Carbon Standards,” Connection, June 1-17, 2014). He illuminates the dark side of the message being sent by others that would rather the energy status quo be maintained while harming our health by polluting our water and air. We have a long way to go to move our energy generation away from fossil fuels to clean energy. The Commonwealth of Virginia is way behind our neighboring states and the new EPA regulations could help move Virginia forward.

Governor McAuliffe and Senator Warner need to step up and support the new EPA rules and encourage their utility friends to get on with the change directed by the EPA carbon standards, which will improve our health and our environment.

Susan Stillman
Vienna
To the Editor:
Hard to understand the following quote from Fairfax County Planning and Zoning Planner II Richard Lambert in the June 11-17, 2014 issue of your paper (“Reston’s Phase II Introduced”):
“The plans assume the village centers will remain the same. We are creating a process where, if the village center owners want to change the centers, there is a Reston specific hierarchy to value their amendment process.”
With the exception of Lake Anne Village Center, none of the four other village centers should remain the same. They basically are shopping centers. Long range plans must provide for reconstituting them as plazas ringed by high density residential buildings as was envisaged in the original master plan for Reston.
Plazas are the vital community gathering places, the glue that holds communities together. Reston’s Town Center Plaza (misnamed Fountain Square) is a perfect example of how effective a plaza can be in fostering community. On a much smaller scale, the plaza at Lake Anne performs the same service.
It is much too important to leave the future of the village centers in the hands of the owners. Over the years, probably one by one, the village centers will, one way or another, be Restonyized, and Reston will gradually regain its national (and even international) standing.

Bob Simon
Reston Founder

In the picture is dad Rodney Gregory, and children Lizy, 12, and Joshua, 10. They are at Sweet Frog in North Point-Reston, after Lizy’s band concert at Buzz Aldrin Elementary.

Roger and Lauren Roehr of Reston, enjoying a Ferris wheel ride in Chicago on the waterfront.

Meet the new face of lung cancer

Theresa never imagined she could have half of her lung removed through a tiny incision, be up and walking less than an hour later, and home the very next day.
When tests revealed she had lung cancer, Theresa Ott, 50, underwent a minimally invasive surgery with renowned thoracic surgeon Sandeep Khandhar, MD.
Walking immediately after surgery reduces post-operative pain considerably and Theresa was no exception. She is back to her life - pain free and beyond cancer.

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Reston band students display their music skills.

By ROBIN DUNN

On May 29, the South Lakes High School symphonic band wind ensemble performed at the school’s fall concert. The concert was conducted by Director of Bands Greyson Fier and was free and open to the public. “We played some of our favorite orchestral pieces,” said South Lakes junior Alex Arshadi. “It’s a great way to end our year.” Arshadi was one of three South Lakes HS (SLHS) band members who earned Virginia All State Band/Ochestra honors this year.

South Lakes High School Band members Joel Ladwig and Dylan Beumer also earned All Virginia Honors based on competitive auditions in the 2014 All Virginia Band & Orchestra District 12 held on the campus of Virginia Tech on April 3-5. In addition, 14 members from SLHS earned All District Band/Ochestra honors from the Virginia Band & Orchestra Directors Association (VBODA) District 12. The music program for the May Spring Concert for the symphonic band included Puccini’s Fandango Performed by junior Kari Peters and La Rondeau by Franz Haydn. Pieces performed by the wind ensemble included More by Garcia Hide and Candida O’Byrne by Leonard Bernstein.

“The South Lakes High School Band has concluded another successful year,” said Music Director Fier. “The efforts of the students, parents and community have enabled the band to post superior performance that have resulted in South Lakes Band earning the band to post superior performances that have resulted in the band students’ commitment despite the long hours and school breaks due to weather conditions. “We could have offered services, but instead posted results and musical performances,” stated Fier.

“This is one of my favorite shows because it’s one of our favorites,” said Melissa Gosling, president of the school’s Band Boosters organization. “The Band Boosters are a user-friendly organization dedicated to supporting the school band program at South Lakes. Fairfax County Public Schools do not fund many band expenses, so the Band Boosters Association conduces fundraising to meet the needs of the program. The Boosters also provide volunteer support ranging from uniform maintenance, providing refreshments and logistical support moving the band. The Band Boosters help decide how fundraising will be done, and have input into how the money will be spent. “We had terrific volunteer support this year, every contribution helps,” said Gosling. When the Symphonic Band left the stage, the Annual Band Booster Meeting was held. Awards were made and passed on the year end budget, and then officer nominations for the Booster were announced. Those were passed, with Melissa Gosling keeping position of president. At the conclusion of the meeting the Wind Ensemble began their performance. “I am so excited about this show,” said Roberta L. Gosling, mother of two children who attended South Lakes. “I am proud of the kids for the effort that they have put in throughout the year. During the Wind Ensemble show, junior Anna Gosling had a solo on the euphonium. Gosling is planning to begin studies at the College of William and Mary.”

In other news the orchestra of South Lakes teacher and director of the IB music program Ryan Rabin has been selected to perform at the Virginia Music Educators conference in November. Only the top two orchestras in the state are selected to perform. The SLHS choir was invited to perform in 2011 and the band was invited in 2011. It is now the turn of the three main music disciplines to be invited to perform, especially in such a short amount of time. On June 9 a Bands Awards Banquet will be held at South Lakes High School cafeteria. The band will perform again on Wednesday, June 18, at the South Lakes graduation at George Mason University for the senior graduation ceremony. For more information on the South Lakes band visit southlakesband.org.
Friday, June 20 – Saturday, June 21

Reston Community Players “The Passage,” 8 p.m. Industrial Strength Theater, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. This new play, The Passage, is an exploration about the ways family and friends come together to say good-bye in a world where assisted suicide is the norm. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased online at http://restontheatreguild.org/nphp-the-passage.

Saturday, June 21

Nature Exploration: Lake Anne by Canoe/Kayak, 2-4 p.m. Lake Anne Public Boat Docks, Washington Plaza

Heron Downs Farmers Market. 8 a.m., 12-30 p.m., Thursdays, May 1-Nov. 13. Twelve Vendors sell a variety of products including kettle corn and fresh made Italian pasta. Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn Street, Herndon. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndonmk.htm

Sunday, June 22

Trunk Sale. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. First Baptist Church of Herndon, 681 Elden St., Herndon. Dolls, toy trucks, games, action figures, and more will be on sale for bargain prices. Net proceeds will be used to support high school scholarships and direct service groups in the community. 703-437-7652


SUNDAY, JUNE 29

How to Make a Solar Oven. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Build a simple oven and receive a simple recipe. All supplies provided. $5-$8. Reservations required by June 25 at 703-476-9689 and press 5.

ONGOING

Free Comedy Showcase. Thursdays 8:30 p.m., at Kalypso’s Sports Tavern, 1617 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Kalypso’s hosts weekly comedy shows that feature some of the best national touring and local comedians in the area. Free of charge.

Family Fun Entertainment Series. Saturdays 10-10:45 a.m., at Reston Town Square Park, 11990 Market St., Reston. Every Saturday enjoy live shows, children’s music and other child-friendly entertainment. 703-476-4500.

Movies and Mimosas, Sunday and Tuesday 11 a.m., at Reston Town Center, 11940 Market St., Reston. Showings in the morning; look up showings online at www.bowtiecinemas.com.

Smart Markets. Wednesdays 3-7 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Smart Markets at 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Smart Markets is a local farmers’ market that offers food and live music from local jazz group, devoted to supporting local economy and a healthy environment. facebook.com/smartmarketsreston, twitter.com/smartmarkets and www.smartmarkets.org.

Open Mic Night. Wednesdays 9:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Jimmy’s Old Town Tavern, 697 Spring St., Herndon. Register your band at bluesclubinherndon.com or 703-593-5206. www.jimmystavern.com.
Thousands of people came to the Taste of Reston over the weekend.

Tastes So Good

Visitors enjoy the 24th annual Taste of Reston weekend.

By Reena Singh
The Connection

Thousands of people braved high wind gusts and ominous storm clouds at Reston Town Center over the weekend. The 24th annual Taste of Reston, where visitors can buy tastes of the dishes from restaurants all over town, filled the area with the scent of vegetable tacos, pizza, peanut noodles and the sight of flipped tables and flying cinders from the more than 20 vendors Friday evening.

The event ran Friday 3 to 11 p.m.; Saturday noon to 11 p.m.

Columbia, Md. residents Kate Forshey and Ryan Lauer were enjoying a funnel cake and beer when the wind came barreling down the street. They covered their food and were determined to wait the weather out.

“Neither of us had to work today,” said Forshey. “We had dinner, had a drink. We’re going on dessert now. A little storm can’t scare us.”

Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce (GRCC) Event Planner Lesley Green previously said the Taste of Reston attracts 65,000 to 70,000 people annually.

The profit from the event will be used to fund GRCC’s incubator program to help support new businesses grow.

The event ran its third year of the Wine ‘n Dine area, where local restaurant chefs had culinary demonstrations on Saturday so visitors can make their own epicurean masterpieces.

Although food was the main event, there were several stages of musicians playing throughout the weekend. Groups of children danced in the pavilion area to top 40 cover bands.

Fitness and dance demonstrations also took place in the Family Fun Zone Saturday, including a hula hoop competition and a Zumba demo.

Many of the vendors stations had short lines where cooks would prepare the food as quickly as possible for the throngs of visitors.

Patrick Carroll, Clyde’s executive chef, decided on a menu that would be as easy to eat as it would be to cook. He flipped flank steaks and sliced zucchini on the grill throughout the event to turn into meals like grilled squash tacos. “We like to use local ingredients,” said Carroll. “We used vegetables from Spring Valley Farm, and the flank steak is from Shenandoah Valley. We wanted to do something fun - fun hand food.”

Casey Hansen brought her family from Sterling. She was getting cups of ice cream from the Milwaukee Frozen Custards table. “He grew up in Reston,” she said, pointing at her husband. “It’s a good place for us to eat and drink, and the kids have a good time.”
Reston Swim Team Association Opens 42nd Season

With thunderstorms affecting several practices in the two weeks leading up to the Reston Swim Team Association’s opening weekend, many wondered if the season was off to a rough start. But opening day dawned bright and cloudless and the swimmers got off to a blazing start with several swimmers setting new times for team and league records.

“Beautiful weather welcomed another great RSTA season and all meets went very smoothly,” said RSTA President Karen Marginot. “Congratulations to all, with special congratulations to new record holders.”

A swimmer to watch this season is Tyler Ellis of Glade, who set a blistering pace for the 13–14 boys by setting four new records on June 7. He set a new league record in the 13–14 50 butterfly, breaking the record set by Adam Orton of Ridge Heights (27.87) that has stood since 1995, with a new time of 27.66, which also set a new Glade team record. Ellis also set a new record in 13–14 50 freestyle with a time of 25.88, breaking his own record from last year. His fourth new record was in the 13–14 50 backstroke, breaking Jonathan Christensen’s record from 2005 by more than a second with a time of 30.83.

Ellis’ brother, Hunter, set the pace in the 11–12 age group, with two new records of his own. He set a new Glade team record in the 11–12 50 backstroke with a time of 34.86, beating Jonathan Christensen’s time from 2003 of 35.18. In the 11–12 50 butterfly, Hunter beat his brother’s record from 2012 of 33.53 with a new time of 31.86.

Newbridge swimmer Ryan Ha also set a new team record in 13–14 50 backstroke with a time of 30.74, beating his own record set during the All-Star meet last summer.

The Lake Newport Lightning 6–18 200 free relay team of Geza Larne, Meghna Sharma, Anna Redican, Emi Redican, and Katie Storch broke a record set in 2012 with a new time of 2:08.38.

Lake Newport Lightning 653,

South Lakes Girls’ 4 x 400 Relay Places 10th at Nationals

The South Lakes girls’ 4 x 400 meter relay team of senior Grace Gillman, freshman Golden Kumi-Darfour and juniors Claire Nievesma and Delaney Wickman placed 10th in the Championship division of the national championship meet at North Carolina A & T in Greensboro, N.C., with a season-best time of 3:52.65. In addition, Kumi-Darfour earned a medal by placing sixth in the emerging elite 800-meter run (2:13.65); Wickman placed eighth in the emerging elite 400-meter dash (56.57) and 10th in the emerging elite 200-meter dash with a personal-best 24.92; and Devyn Jones placed ninth in the freshman triple jump with a personal-best jump of 33 feet, 1 inch.

For North Hills, triple-event winners were Arjuna Bazzaz, Brenna Emery, Alyssa Gilbreath, Lindsey Hill, Joseph Sciortino, Samantha Sciortino, and Amy Wang. Double-event winners were Devan Fink, Ishan Ganjoo, Ryan Hill, Benjamin Livaudais, Emily Ren, Renzo Sanio, Page Schiavone, Sarah Sciortino, James Wu, and Evan Zhang.

For Hunters Woods, triple-event winners were Matthew Beach, Nolan Dunkel, and Ashley Nobles. Double-event winners were William Harvey, Hope Hill, Jonah Medler, Logan Nasr, Eric Tang, Katie Vintimilla, William Zao, and Roger Zeng.

Newbridge Dolphins 610, Autumnwood Piranhas 412

For Newbridge, triple-event winners were Elise Baldwin, Jean-Claude Guille, Ryan Ha, Colin Huddleston, Sam Joyner, Taekang Oey, and Lily Schaller. Double-event winners were Emma Grossbach, Ian Ha, Calvin Kalinowski, Christian Kalinowski, Eva Lossos, Daevin Oey, Abby Panneck, Taylor Panneck, Claire Schaller, Emma Schaller, Megan Slater, Savine Soltys, and Emily Sun.

For Autumnwood, triple-event winners were Sophia Kennedy, Vikrant Mahajan, and Luke McDermott. Double event winners were Curtis Bushee, Toren Greensfeld-Tuthill, James Lyon, Kalista Majoros, David Nelson, and Michael Norford.

For Lake Newport, triple-event winners were Jack Edgemond, Dylan Jones, Anna Redican, Emi Redican, Sean Redican, Siena Shannon, Casey Storch, and Alen Yu. Double-event winners were Bridget Brennan, Shihao Cao, Jeffrey George, Ingrid Larne, Dan Ni, Joseph Redican, Grant Romero, and Zach Wang.

For Ridge Heights, triple-event winners were Hailey Brown and Grace Qian. Double-event winners were Edith Chaddock, Ian Champney, Remington Curren, Delaney Duchak, Christina Gallbraith, Julia Thomas, and Tara Thomas.

For Glade, triple-event winners were Hunter Ellis, Tyler Ellis, Emily Landeryou, Sophia Landeryou, and Jem Nims. Double-event winners were Anna Byrd, Rachel Heatherly, Lindsey Hirshfeld, Clara Landeryou, and Joseph Letteri.

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Suya Haering of Lake Audubon and Kaitlin Mahon of Glade show their good sportsmanship after competing in the girls’ 8 and under 25-meter backstroke.

Ridge Heights Sharks 465

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Lake Audubon Barracudas 622, Glade Gators 468

For Lake Audubon, triple-event winners were Robby Cords, Sabrina Groves, Katie Harris, John Hughes, and Nicolas Sobenes. Double-event winners were Sasha Avilov, Max Daum, Essex Finney, Asa Gurney, Ben Harris, Juana Hernandez, Nicolas Hernandez, Tyler Macaluso, Olivia Nielsen, Sophia Randall, Griffin Scanlan, and Sara Wolfe.

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Take a Break Concerts Return to Lake Anne Plaza

Once the rain clouds cleared last Thursday evening, the Barrettones took the stage at Lake Anne Plaza to kick off the annual Take a Break concert series. Children and adults alike danced and bobbed their heads along to relaxing and up-beat Bluegrass tunes, showcasing vocal harmonies and a variety of instruments including a banjo, bass, and mandolin. Members of the crowd sat in lawn chairs, stood on the pier overlooking Lake Anne, ate dinner on the patio of surrounding restaurants, or simply enjoyed the music while passing by on evening strolls.

Free outdoor concerts are held every Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m. through Aug. 28. These concerts are sponsored by the Reston Community Center. This concert series features diverse artists playing genres ranging from bluegrass to jazz to retro rat pack. While many of these artists are local performers, some have international acclaim like bebop jazz performer Chris Vadala who has won two Grammys, two Emmys, and one Golden Globe Award. The Chris Vadala Quartet will be playing at Lake Anne Plaza this Thursday night, June 19.

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News

Viewpoints

What do you like most about concerts at Lake Anne Plaza?

“I love that these concerts are outdoors. Today is beautiful!”
— Carolyn Hennesey, Herndon, Senior at William and Mary

“I enjoy the atmosphere! Lake Anne is very beautiful, combined with good music and fun company it makes for a great time.”
— Erin Becker, Reston, Reston Community Center

“I enjoy the openness. People can come here to relax, eat dinner, bring their kids and pets, and not have anything to stress about.”
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